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Principal's News

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You can call it March Madness, the Ides of March or just simply marching to a different drummer. That is what SRFACS has done this month. From African Drummers to the Spring Equinox we continue to look at ways to bring excitement to the halls and classrooms.

I am so proud of our little 2nd Graders who have worked hard to represent our school at a concert in San Francisco.

Our courageous Kinders went on a field trip rain or shine to Spring Lake and returned triumphant.

The 3rd Grade head to the Academy of Sciences next week and will experience a relevant science experience and be surrounded by exhibits and experts showing them a peek at the natural world.

Following Black History Month, the halls and classrooms will celebrate Francophone Week. Come see the walls and doors decorated to highlight the Francophone countries.

In this issue we celebrate another year of the scholastic book fair. We will continue the tradition from last year in giving PAW Awards that can be redeemed at the fair. We will be giving out \$3 tickets to those lucky students chosen this month.

Friday, March 30th is Free Dress Day. I welcome some students to dress like their favorite book character or just come without uniform that day.

Mr. J.

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Because of the lost time during the fires and the trauma that it caused throughout our district, the district has asked for a waiver of the SBAC testing this year. We will not be doing the usual state testing in April and May which will recuperate 8 days of instruction that is vital to our dual immersion program. We will continue to do the Let's Go Learn testing and writing assessments. This year we will have a new test called ELPAC for our English language learners. This test will be administered at the end of April by our Family Engagement Facilitator, Andrea Rojas Lopez. To learn more about this test, please attend our ELAC meeting in the cafeteria on March 29th from 8:45-10:15 AM.

Once again two of our classes are raising Steelhead Trout. Ms. Paret and Ms Van Prooyen will be releasing the fish into Santa Rosa Creek at the end of the month. The little fish are healthy and have left the rocky bottom for the surface. Keep the rains coming so they can make their way towards the ocean.

All the best,

Mr. Johnstone

Upcoming Events

- ◆ ELAC Meeting March 29th
- ◆ Free Dress Day March 30th
- ◆ Spring Break April 2-6



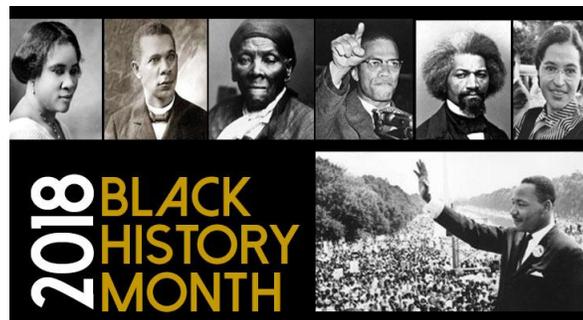
SRFACS WOLVES

*“Tell me and I
forget. Teach me
and I remember.
Involve me and I
Learn .”*

- Ben Franklin.



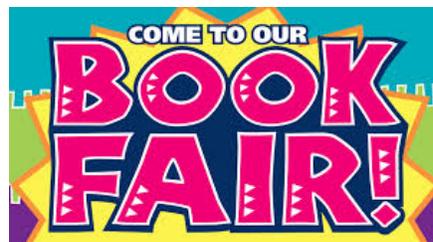
There are 25 countries worldwide that speak French and the French teachers met and decided to celebrate the diversity of cultures that speak French. From Tahiti to Martinique, the Francophone curriculum is being taught in local schools. Ms. Walker and Ms Spita organized a week where the student do artwork and learn the geography of the Francophone countries. Friday, March 23rd the classroom doors are decorated with maps and flags as each classroom drew a different country. The doors will be judged and classes will be rewarded for their efforts.



At the conclusion of Black History Month, two African drummers descended on the SRFACS campus to bring the rhythms that are in every culture. Akele from the Congo and Gideon from South Africa brought their stories and songs to the cafeteria.

I certainly enjoyed the moment when Jackie and I joined these master drummers. It was so special to watch our students to also join in the drumming show.

A true highlight of the show was Gideon's singing on the Circle of Life Lion King song. We learned that he was the voice for that decorated Disney animated movie. A big thanks to Jackie Elward for organizing the decorations and for providing the recipe for our special Congolese stew.



Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the library all next week. Come shop for great books for your home library. Proceeds from the fair raises Scholastic funds for our school. Last year we raised over \$6,000 for our library!

Online Fair open now through March 31st only:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/srfacs>

Monday-Friday: 8:15-9:30 AM & 2:30-4:30 PM

Thursday (extended hours):
2:30-5:30 PM